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Annihilation Claim By Reds

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The Chinese Communists, heard here, said on Wednesday nine government divisions have been nearly annihilated in the battle of Hsuehchow, including the 63rd and the 107th armies.
That could be 90,000 men. Both sides, however, are inclined to exaggerate casualties.
The radio said yet another government army group had swung eastward from southern Honan in an attempt to join the battle.
The Communists said General Huang Po-lao lost one whole division and two others were nearly wiped out. They said the rest of Huang's forces still are cut off, although the Government insists they were relieved.
The Communists said the other big Government setback was southeast of Hsuehchow, where the Nationalist 107th army was lost. It is from there southeast that the Communists are believed to be trying to close the ring on Hsuehchow.
(The Government's Wednesday night communiqué claimed more than half the Communist veterans who mounted the major assault east of Hsuehchow had been killed or wounded.—Associated Press.)

Airlines' Losses

London, Nov. 17.—Britain's three State-owned airlines lost over £11 million last year, nearly £1 million more than in 1946, the first year of nationalisation, the Corporations' annual reports disclosed today.
The aggregate net loss of British Overseas, British European and British South American Airways for the financial year ending March 31, 1948, was £11,085,700. In 1946-1947, the British Overseas and British European Airways together lost £10,234,701, while the third and smallest corporation, the British South American Airways, made a profit of £72,730.
The British Overseas Airways' loss was slightly less than the previous year—£7,091,439, compared with £8,070,844, while the British European Airways' loss increased from £2,167,037 to £3,573,089.
The B.O.A. report gave the main causes of last year's deficit "the multiplicity of types of uneconomical aircraft still in use, and the high cost of maintenance due to the number and location of the maintenance bases."
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DIAMONDS IN GARDEN

London, Nov. 17.—Detectives on Wednesday dug out of a suburban garden a mysterious cache of diamonds valued by Scotland Yard at £10,000. A Scotland Yard spokesman declined to confirm or deny London newspaper reports that the gems were believed to be a consignment from South Africa which disappeared while en route to London by air three years ago.
The diamonds were packed in tins which had been wrapped in cloth, the spokesman said.
The cloth had rotted away and the men who found the cache think it may have been there from one to three years.
The stones were cut and polished but not mounted.
They were found in the garden of a house in suburban Seven Kings.
Another report was that the stones vanished from the mails between England and the continent on an unspecified date.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Taxicab Picketing

INTEREST in the taxi drivers' strike has been more vicarious than active, principally because the public have not been unduly inconvenienced. When the strike started it evoked a degree of disconcertment because of the threatened dislocation of transportation, but the speedy appearance of public cars in place of the garaged taxis guaranteed a safe minimum of transport. Thus were the taxi drivers robbed of the nuisance value attachable to their walk-out and the net result has been a mild, and comparatively academic interest on the part of the travelling public in the eventual outcome of the dispute. The attempt by the companies to restore the taxi services with non-union drivers revived public consciousness of the strike because the move brought into play the use of pickets. They represent a legal form of peaceful persuasion so long as they operate within the limits laid down by the Trade Unions and Trades Disputes Ordinance, but there is growing evidence that certain of these picketing elements are overstepping their rights and privileges under the Ordinance, with two resultant intimations of the non-union drivers, and a consequent refusal on their part to take the risk of hitting fares. Several of the newly-engaged drivers have unofficially complained that the original "peaceful persuasion" overtures made by pickets, which took the line of appealing to the drivers to "stand by" from "breaking the rice

bowls of the strikers" and to join the union, are now becoming sulkier threats directed against the families of the men on taxi duty. This is a clear violation of the privilege of picketing and needs to be stopped. It should be impressed upon taxi drivers who receive any such threats the necessity of reporting them immediately to the police who can then take proper action if they are satisfied the complaint is genuine. Nor should the police permit pickets to lounge around taxis for indefinite periods, pouring blandishments into the ears of helpless drivers. Picketing should take the form of carrying display signs and distributing literature. This would enable the police to order the pickets away from taxi stands in crowded thoroughfares once they had paraded their notices before the non-union drivers and distributed to them their handbills. Signs and leaflets can be controlled, but whispered conversation knows no restrictions. When the strike originated it was the public which required protection from unreasonable inconvenience. Now, it would seem, it is the drivers, striving to maintain public car services, who need protection to permit them freely to carry out their duties without conversational badgering which is capable of being sulkier as well as emotional. The moment appears opportune for Government to reconsider the existing conditions for picketing, and to confine them to approved placard displays and the distribution of leaflets.

More Than 1,000 Marines On Way To Tsingtao TO EVACUATE AMERICANS

Washington, Nov. 17.—The U.S. is speeding 1,000 more marines to its naval station at Tsingtao, China, as a result of the southward surge of Chinese Communists. Secretary of Defence James Forrestal disclosed this on Wednesday. He said they will help to evacuate Americans. He did not make clear whether they would fight the Communists if necessary to maintain the American position there.

From other sources it was learned the marines are being despatched from Guam with light equipment and will arrive in China in a few days. Arrival of reinforcements will bring the Tsingtao marine force to 4,600.

Mr Forrestal also told a news conference that two transports will arrive in Chinese ports—one Thursday and one Friday to remove Americans fleeing from the path of advancing Communist armies.

What to do if the Communist armies occupy Tsingtao has become a growing question in Washington. It involves American naval strategy and American prestige. The Yellow Sea port is the China headquarters and fleet anchorage for the U.S. Navy. In addition to the 3,600 marines there at present, there is a 12 ship task force at Tsingtao.

At a news conference Mr Forrestal was asked:
1—Would the marines "fight" Communists if they seize Tsingtao?
He would not comment. "Their purpose," he explained, "is to aid whatever steps are necessary for evacuation."

2—would they be ordered out, if the Reds move on the city? The State Department would have to decide that, he replied.
Americans fleeing the North China areas have poured into Tsingtao. All Americans in China have been warned they had better leave. Mr Forrestal said the two transports headed for China are from the West coast. One is due to arrive in Shanghai on Thursday and the second is due at a China port on Friday.
There are 3,024 Americans in China, exclusive of military police. Of these, 3,040 are in Shanghai-Nanking area.

MAY CUT OFF WATER

Even if the Communists fail to capture Tsingtao, they might create a tough situation by cutting off the water supply, which originates in territory they control. Much of the U.S. naval force is stationed ashore. Tsingtao is on the Shantung peninsula, controlling Yellow Sea approaches to Manchuria.

The naval ships at Tsingtao compose task force 38 on training cruise. It includes two carriers, two light cruisers and eight destroyers.
China has appealed to the United States for a policy statement to stiffen her armies and the morale of her war weary people.

Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett told newsmen that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek wrote directly to President Truman.
Secretary of State George Marshall, lying here on Monday. That same day he will go into conference with Mr Truman on foreign policy.
In the face of China's grave situation, they are expected to discuss not only Chiang's appeal for a strong American pronouncement, but what the U.S. should do for China in arms and goods.

Chinese diplomats have recently been inking in terms of a US\$1,000,000,000 American program for China, with most of the money going into military supplies. The U.S. Congress has authorized US\$400,000,000 for China aid, including US\$125,000,000 in military aid.

EXTREME DELICACY

Because of the extreme delicacy of the Chinese situation, Mr Lovett held his comment to a minimum. He said he could not go beyond what Mr Truman told reporters at Key West, Florida on Tuesday—that the American government has been in communication with Chiang.
It was learned later that Chiang had appealed for an expression of encouragement; the Chinese apparently would like the same kind of commitment that the United States made in the case of Greece—a determination that the Communists will not be permitted to take over.
Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo has disclosed to newsmen that he carried an appeal to Mr Lovett last Thursday saying China, in her hour of crisis, wants an American pronouncement of "sympathy, solidarity and support." In the diplomatic language of the Orient, this could cover almost anything.

The Navy said the transport due at Shanghai is the AFD 128 Gosselin. She is a high speed vessel converted from a destroyer. The name of the other transport and her port of arrival on Friday was not immediately available.—Associated Press.

COMMONS ASSURANCE

London, Nov. 17.—The British Government is in touch with the United States Government with a view to protecting British and United States nationals in China should that prove necessary.

Mr Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced this in a Parliamentary reply today.

This meant that plans were being made for protection and evacuation of British and American citizens if it should be added. Mr Mayhew repeated a suggestion by Mr Vernon Bartlett, Independent, that the United States Government should be consulted with view to taking an immediate decision to send an Anglo-American force to Shanghai should the situation in China continue to deteriorate.

There had been no inter-governmental conversations of that kind, he said, nor were any contemplated.—Reuter.

EVACUEES SAIL

Tientsin, Nov. 18.—Twenty-five nationals are represented among the 358 evacuees aboard one of the LSTs which sailed yesterday for Shanghai, comprising 108 American citizens; 11 Britons, 61 Stateless, one Canadian, 12 Poles, one Italian, two Filipinos, three Latvians, six Chinese, four Irish, one Portuguese, one Danish, 38 Belgians, 40 Russian emigrants, three Austrians, five Dutch, four Mexicans, nine Spaniards, seven Swiss, two Germans, one Swede, one Hungarian, one Czech and one Yugoslav.

A second vessel, bound for Tsingtao with 91 Americans, will be proceeding to the United States. The operations of evacuation and embarkation were efficiently organized by the United States consular staff who worked late into the night to carry out the tasks.—Reuter.

Detective Shot In Neck

Cardiff, Nov. 17.—Detective Sergeant David Morris was shot in the neck today while driving a man from Cardiff Railway Station to the police headquarters.

The detective had been sent to meet a man who it was thought could help police investigations into another shooting. He was driving back in a police car with the seaman sitting beside him when there was a shot.

The bullet just missed the detective's jugular vein. He called for help from the following police car and then drove on to police headquarters almost bleeding badly.
The detective was taken to hospital and given a blood transfusion.
Lieut. Abdul Ali Gaffim, aged 33, of Aden, was charged with attempted murder and remanded until Friday.—Reuter.

Pops Out Of Pumpkin



Playmates of nine-month-old John Hayward, alias Jack O'Lantern, had great fun when the baby did a repeat performance of popping out of this huge pumpkin on Halloween night.—AP Picture.

Commons Approves Of Nationalisation Bill In Principle

London, Nov. 17.—The House of Commons tonight gave approval in principle to the Government's Bill to nationalise Britain's iron and steel industry, a measure which has been strongly opposed by the Opposition.

After a three-day debate, the Government defeated an Opposition motion to reject the Bill by 373 votes to 211 and the Bill was read a second time.

This was the highest voting since the Government came to power. The Government's total strength is 393 and the Conservatives 201. The Liberals and Nationals voted with the Opposition.

Winding up the debate, Mr Herbert Morrison, the Lord President of the Council, referred to the Conservative criticism of remarks last night by Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, about the danger of Communism if the people were prevented from making changes by electoral means.
"If you get a State and a Government which are reactionary and contrary to the popular interest, this kind of Government and State will run the risk of a violent disturbance," he said.

"We cannot go on for all time with the Conservative idea of economic empires within the State, subject to public supervision." It was better for the country to take the next logical step and take the industry over.

Mr Anthony Eden, the deputy Opposition leader, contended that the Government's sole purpose was by means of this Bill to bring free enterprise in Britain to an end. It would lead to "wholesale nationalisation."
If the Conservatives won a clear majority at the next election, when this Bill was bound to be a major issue, would it be accepted that they would have a constitutional and democratic right to repeal it?
Or, he added amid loud Conservative cheers, would it be regarded as a damaging act justifying revolutionary counter action?

Mr Morrison replied that it would be perfectly constitutional for the Conservatives to repeal the Act. "This seems elementary, sound democracy, but I assure Mr Eden we shall live up to it, and I invite him and his supporters to do so."—Reuter.

Another by-election
Glasgow, Nov. 17.—The Nominations of Thomas Galloway Dunlop, Galbraith, Conservative, and Thomas Alexander MacNair, Labour, were accepted today for the by-election in the Hillhead division of Glasgow, caused by the appointment of the Conservative member, Mr J.S.C. Reid, K.C., as Lord of Appeal.

The polling will take place on November 25.—Reuter.

Vatican City, November 17.—Pietro Puglieri, 66-year-old attorney, plunged 164 feet to his death inside St Peter's basilica at noon today in the second suicide within six months, to desecrate Christianity's greatest church.

Puglieri climbed to the first loggia inside the Cupola of the great dome. He shed his overcoat and threw it down to warn the throngs present for the first vespers of a feast in commemoration of the dedication of the church which takes place tomorrow.
He then climbed the waist-high railings and paused for a moment while white-faced witnesses below watched him. He made no sound before he left. But he pushed himself outward strongly enough to clear the bronze snopied altar over the tomb of Saint Peter's before which a marble statue of Pope Pius VI kneels in prayer.
He crashed on the mosaic floor of the great church.
Six months ago an unemployed youth shot himself to death before the main altar.
A great man went up from the people as Puglieri fell.

Commons Questions

London, Nov. 17.—Immigration to Hongkong and smuggling control in the Colony were the subjects of questions in the House Commons today when Mr Vernon Bartlett, Independent, asked the Colonial Secretary what was being done to prevent uncontrolled large-scale migration of Chinese into the "already overcrowded colony of Hongkong due to the worsening of the situation in China."

Mr David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies replied that this problem had for some time been under consideration in Hongkong.

"Physical and other difficulties of preventing the influx of refugees are obvious and it would only add to them if the Governor were asked to disclose any measure, he may be able to devise for meeting those difficulties," he added.

ILLEGAL EXPORTS

Mr James Harrison, Labour, asked whether in view of the present conditions in China, the Minister would take every possible step to ensure that no illegal exports of valuable goods were permitted through the port of Hongkong and whether he would also tighten up customs examinations between Kowloon and the Chinese hinterland.

Mr Rees Williams replied that he was communicating with the Governor of Hongkong and would let Mr Harrison know the reply.

Mr Harrison asked if the Minister fully appreciated "in the present unfortunate circumstances" the importance of stopping all illegal traffic at this juncture.

Mr Rees Williams replied that his Department had always appreciated the necessity of stopping illegal traffic.

"I had always done this and would continue to do so."—Reuter.

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H.K. Services 173 For 9

After scoring 122 for 6 wickets by lunch today, the Hongkong Combined Services XI, opening their two-day match against the Malayan Combined Services team at the Cricket Club ground, had by 5 o'clock advanced the total to 173 for nine wickets.

Wing-Commander Pantou was in brilliant form and had hit up 53 not out while Cpl Hodgson was 33 not out.

Others to make runs against an accurate attack, spearheaded by Syrett, were Major Murray Brown (30), Gnr. Arden (19), Lt.-Cdr. Yavasour (17) and Major Dawe (11).

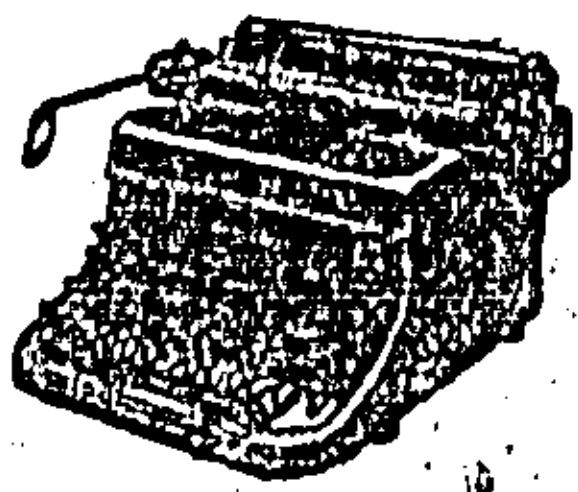
Banton failed to add to his lunch time score, while Slepto (0) and Gambrell (0) were early losses after the interval.

Suicide Desecrates St Peter's Basilica

Pontifical gendarmes rushed to the spot exactly in front of the altar of Confession while the faithful among whom were many newly-weds who customarily visit St Peter's at noon, milled about.
The great basilica has to be consecrated again. The Vatican announced that it will be consecrated at 2:30 p.m. local time by Monsignor Leone Gromier, who is one of the Altar Canons.

The body was covered with a white sheet and removed by blue-uniformed gendarmes who brought the corpse to the Parish Church of St Anne, inside Vatican City, which is the parish of the Vatican.—United Press.

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WOMANSENSE

TUBE look is on its way to the shops

by Patricia
LENNARD



LONDON'S dress manufacturers who supply the bulk of women's off-the-peg clothes today began showing their spring collections to Press and buyers.

When the dresses reach the shops early in 1949 it will be seen that in mass-produced women's clothing there is no "British" fashion. The British wholesale trade base their designs on the models of about six top Paris designers. Why do they ignore the score or more of British designers and couturiers?

The British designer says: "I would not mind admitting manufacturers to my collections, if I could show a different collection to my private clients. England is too small to see our ideas mass-produced everywhere: my clients in Yorkshire, London and Scotland would not want to see similar dresses to theirs in the shops."

Says the British manufacturer: "Even if I were admitted to a British couturier show as a buyer, I would not go along. British designers are not sufficiently creative or comprehensive. We have to work six months ahead of fashion, and by attending Paris shows, each of

which may show some 200 different models, we can see several new and possibly extreme lines, one of which may be the coming trend. In any case, the British designers follow Paris eventually, so why bother to attend their shows?"

The clothes on show will probably have a tube look (from Fath, Paris) or fly-away cuffs and collar (from Dior, Paris) or an Empire waistline (from Piquet, Paris) or a knee-flare (from Dessea, Paris).

Women are already wearing the clothes and the pointed little hats Paris planned for them four months ago.

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Month	Birthstone	Legend
January	Garnet	Constancy and fidelity.
February	Amethyst	Sincerity, peace-making, health and longevity.
March	Jasper	Peace, health and longevity.
April	Diamond	Immortality.
May	Emerald	Happiness.
June	Pearl	Health and long life.
July	Ruby	Contented Mind.
August	Sardonyx	Fidelity and conjugal happiness.
September	Sapphire	Wisdom, sanity, hope.
October	Aquamarine	Friendship and fidelity.
November	Topaz	Friendship and fidelity.
December	Bloodstone	Courage.

Month	Birth Colour
January	Dark Red, Wine shades.
February	Purple, Orchid to Amethyst tones.
March	Pale Greens, Cloud Grays.
April	White, Yellow, Brown tones.
May	Emerald Greens, White.
June	Rose-Red, White.
July	Ruby-Red, White, Blue.
August	Yellow, Bronze shades, Red-Red.
Sept.	Brilliant Blues.
October	Pastels of all shades.
Nov.	Deep Burnt Orange, Golden Brown.
December	Darkest Reds, Rich Dark Greens.

Month	Birth Flower	Legend
Jan.	Red Carnation	Loving Heart
Feb.	Violet	Modesty
March	Daffodil	Welcome
April	White-Daisy	Innocence, Beauty.
May	Lily of the Valley	Doubly Dear.
June	Red Rose	Love.
July	Water Lily	Sweetness.
Aug.	Yellow Gladiolus	Brings Sunshine.
Sept.	As per	Always Gay.
Oct.	Cosmos	Charm.
Nov.	Chrysanthemum	Hope.
Dec.	Holly	Eternal Rejoice Together.

Way Found to Save Abscessed Teeth

NEW YORK—Abscessed teeth can be saved now through new oral surgery techniques, Dr. E. Alan Lieban told the American Academy of Dental Medicine. The operation is painless, he said.

Under the process, drugs are introduced into the underlying tissue by electric current, sterilising the infected area. The root canal, which previously had been cleaned, then is filled with silver wire gutta percha.

Thus sterilised and filled, the tooth and its root may be preserved for added years of useful service. Dr. Lieban said.

News for the house-proud

CANDLEWICK is back on the market. Remember it? It's that cotton material which has tufts of threads pulled through to the right side to form various patterns.

It can—and is—used to make bedspreads, dressing gowns, cot covers and bath mats. These are the articles due to appear in the shops. The pile of the "tufting" is so close in the mats that walking on them is like walking on a thick carpet.

Colours are delightful—both bright and pastel—and are all washable. Candlewick doesn't need ironing, and it is pre-shrunk.

bread and tomatoes. Usually the only answer is—light the oven.

This new gadget just on the market is a much better answer. It is a special attachment which can be fitted easily to any sloping sided frying-pan.

It is shaped so that surplus fat drains back into the pan, and means that no extra fuel need be used. Price 2s. 11d. or with iron or aluminium 10-inch frying-pan with iron handle, 7s. 6d.

A combined colander and sieve made of plastic and aluminium is another piece of kitchen equipment, designed by a London housewife, and now appearing in the stores.

The sieve and colander fittings are interchangeable and clip into a plastic framework—blue, orange, white or green. Easy to clean, and costs about 12s. 6d.

A four-sifter, which can be operated with only one hand is our final piece of kitchen news. It's a time and trouble-saver, and costs 4s. 3d.

WHERE does the odd name come from? It dates back to the early days of America. The wives of settlers had little in the way of decoration in their homes.

But they all had cotton, which they spun into candle wicks. Even when they had made all the candles they needed, there was still some yarn left over.

This they used to embroider their bedspreads. Then one of them discovered that if the stitches were cut and the material washed and fluffed out, a soft pile resulted.

You can buy a bath-mat—36 inches by 21 inches—for 10s. 11d., a cot cover, which can be used as a mat if you prefer, for 34s. 10d.

Later on, candlewick by the yard—it makes lovely curtains—will be available, and hearthrugs and toys.

If you need a rug sooner than "later on," a thin felt one might interest you. It costs only 8s. 9d. is 5ft. long and 3ft. wide, and is off-white with a stencilled design. It can be backed to make it firmer if it is to be used on a slippery floor.

LATEST thing in really useful KITCHEN GADGETS is a frying-pan fixture.

Every housewife has come up against the problem of keeping the sausages hot while she fries the

CHIC COAT



By VERA WINSTON

DUVETYN, that soft, beautiful and rich-looking fabric is making coat news again. Here it is in tan for this very well-cut coat detailed with a side closing edged with black braid. The braid is also used for button tabs, and to trim the collar and cuffs. The back of the waistline is defined by a seam, and tucks shape the front of the bodice. The skirt is gored, in back and is straight in front. It's a just-right town coat.

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BELIEVING that serenity is the deepest source of Beauty, Veronica Lake follows a simple beauty routine. Long walks, nine hours sleep and only a scant use of cosmetics. Miss Lake's famous tresses do, however, come in for a rather elaborate ritual.

For a shampoo Veronica chooses baby castle, melted down in warm water to make a solution, rather than applying the bar of soap directly to the hair. Her rinse is made of the juice of three lemons. Dry, well in the sun, with both extra fine and coarse combs, to give her hair that full flowing look.

Knit-Wit! Lynn Bari's wardrobe is composed entirely of handknits. Miss Bari, who is an expert with the knitting needles, not only has dresses, suits and hats in var-

ious luscious wools, but has designed for herself White chain-knit hostess pajamas, shot with metallic threads. They are buttoned from throat to waist with crocheted-covered buttons. And, for that extra fillip, Lynn has made for herself a pair of Carmine wool-knit booties, encrusted with Gold bugle beads and seed pearls, to wear when entertaining informally at home. So, if you are clever with the knitting needles, get busy and see what glamorous outfits you can turn out.

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BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

The Shop in Gooseberry Lane

—It Was Run by Jack Spratt and Tom Tinker—

By MAX TRELL



The shadows saw the new shop.

KNARF and Hanid, the widowed children with the turned-about names, were walking down Gooseberry Lane in Mother Gooseville when they both noticed a sign hanging in front of one of the stores. The sign read:

Jack Spratt & Tom Tinker

"I've never seen that sign before," said Knarf.

"They must have just opened it," said Hanid. "Just listen to all the noise that's coming from inside."

They listened at the door for a moment. Sure enough, they could hear sound of banging every now and then and a voice shouting: "Where's that hammer, Jack?" And then, "What did you do with that pot of glue, Tom?"

The next moment, there was a loud crash as of something heavy falling and breaking, followed by screams and yells. "Now you've gone and done it, Tom Tinker! I told you to be more careful!"

"It slipped off the bench, Jack." Poor Tom was wallowing.

Opened the Door

With this, Knarf and Hanid hurriedly opened the door and went inside to see what had happened. They found themselves in a large workshop, with tools hung all over the walls, and shelves filled with jars of nails and screws and pots of glue and cans of paint, and string, and more cord, and boxes of wood and cloth and pieces of leather and a great many other things besides.

Jack Spratt, who was rather tall and thin, and Tom Tinker, who was short and sturdy-looking, were both wearing overalls, with their sleeves rolled up. Just now, Tom Tinker was on his hands and knees, gathering up broken pieces of shell, while Jack Spratt stood over him grumbling: "It's broken into a thousand pieces. We'll never be able to get it together again. I knew we never should have promised to fix it."

"We can fix it," Tom was saying in a more cheerful voice. "If only I can find all these pieces of shell, we can paste them all together again. I'm sure of it."

Just then Jack Spratt and Tom Tinker noticed Knarf and Hanid. "Did you hear the noise?" Jack asked.

"Yes," said Hanid. "What fell?"

"Early this morning," Tom started to say, when Jack Spratt interrupted him.

"Did you have meat?" Knarf asked.

For the Shop

"Just the lean," said Jack. "But Tom Tinker was here in the shop and he promised to fix Humpty Dumpty so it would look as good as new again."

"And we almost did have it all fixed," Tom couldn't help saying. "I had all the pieces stuck together with glue. Then, all of a sudden, it slipped off the table, and broke all over again."

"The king will be furious. I don't know what we can do," Jack said.

It took Knarf only a moment to think of what they should do. "Go to the black hen."

"Thank you, thank you!" cried Jack Spratt and Tom Tinker, as they both went dashing out of the door.

Then Knarf and Hanid, both smiling, went on walking up Gooseberry Lane in Mother Gooseville.

Rupert & Mr Punch—46



As soon as he is free Mr. Punch at once makes sure that Sailor Sam will keep his secret. Then they all realise that someone is missing. Algy has not appeared. "He's too fat to get through that gap," says Rupert anxiously. Sam uses the crowbar to lift one of the boulders, while Rupert and the little clown hang on the end to help him. "Hurry up, we can't keep this up for long," cries the sailor. "Next moment Algy's head appears and, with much puffing, he scrambles out. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

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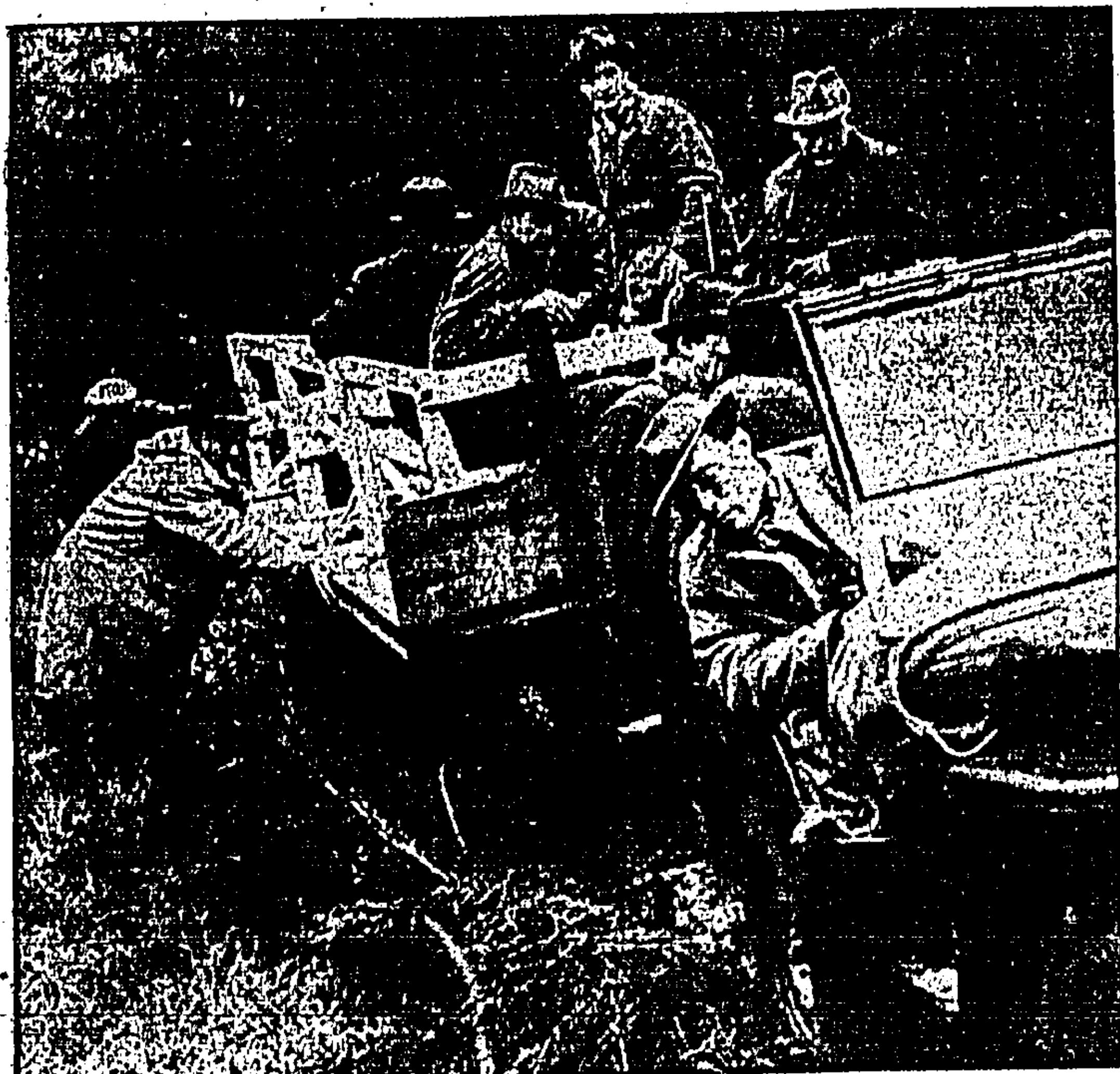
INTERNATIONAL SCRAMBLE—An aged Estonian smiles contentedly in Genoa, Italy, as he lines up to sail for Argentina aboard an American transport. He is one of 800 refugees who reached Genoa from Austria. The displaced persons called the transport, "Ship Without Farewell."



RESCUE FROM FLAMES—U.S. naval personnel, strain clearly evident on their drawn faces, carry injured men out of the flaming ruins of an aircraft work shed in Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island. A million-dollar fire broke out at night, destroying a major part of the naval installation.



CYCLIST DEDICATION—Pope Pius XII is here shown lighting a bicycle lamp at his summer residence in Castel Gondolfo, Italy. Italian cyclists carried the lamp in relays from Rome to Magrelo, where it will rest in the chapel of the Madonna of Ghisallo, patron saint of cyclists.



ROYAL PRIVILEGE—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands watches progress from the jeep as other members of an elk hunting party get out and push. The jeep and trailer bogged down in the soft ground of a forest near Stockholm. The prince was the guest of the Swedish banker, Kjell Haeggloef, during a successful two-day hunting trip.



CURVES—A Hollywood photographers' organisation has chosen Virginia Mayo "Miss Third Dimension."



AIRLIFT AID—German workers tussle with barrels of asphalt which will be used in constructing a 6,000-foot runway at a new airport in the French sector of Berlin. The field will be used by airlift planes.



TASTES PRETTY GOOD—This baby gorilla at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo seems to like the taste of the shoe. The baby, which requires almost as much care as a child, eventually may succeed the zoo's 500-pound Bushman, largest gorilla in captivity.

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MOVING DAY—The Spirit of St. Louis, famous plane in which Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic in 1927, is moved from its key position in Washington's Smithsonian Institute to another part of the building. The plane is being transferred to make room for the Wright Brothers' historic biplane, which was formerly on display in London, and which is being moved back to the U.S. in accordance with the provisions of the will of Orville Wright.



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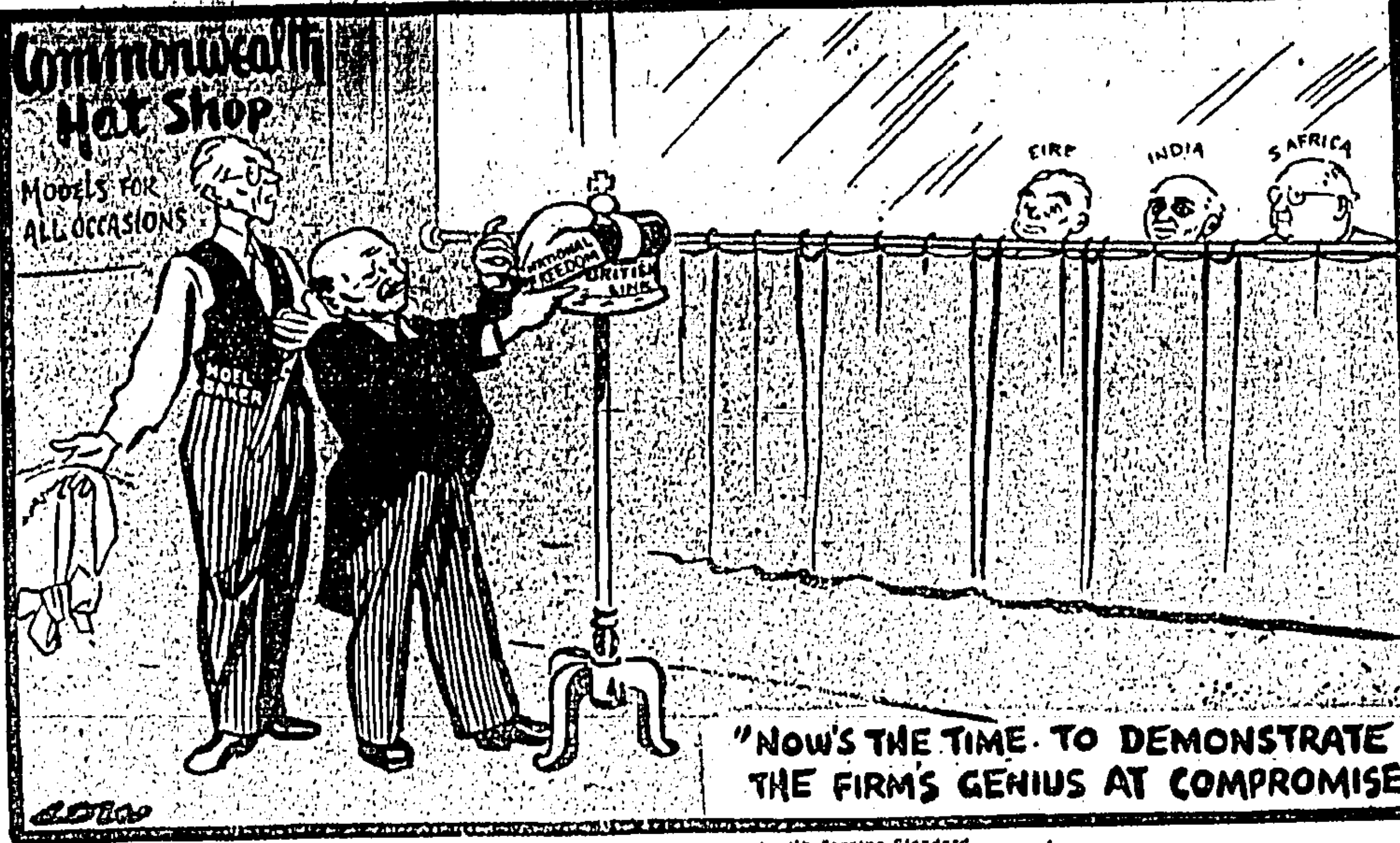
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**Sefton Delmer reports from Japan**

No 'fratting' or bows
but it's busier
than Germany

MONDAY TOKYO AIR-FIELD.— Well, here I am. And I feel almost like saying this is where I came in. After flying I don't know how many thousands of miles across Europe, Africa, and Asia, I have landed once more in an occupied enemy country.

And at the first snapshot glance around I feel I might just as well be standing in the Rhein-Main airfield at Frankfurt in U.S.-occupied Germany.

There is the same Coca-cola fountain in the corner, the same stalls with American magazines, coffee, doughnuts, and hamburgers. The same white-helmeted young military policeman is lounging contemptuously against the door of the Customs hall, the same heroic revolver holster hanging pipe-clayed from his slim middle.

The same group of immaculately nyloned U.S. service wives with babies are being kissed by the same proud, wise-cracking poppas in the same olive green uniforms.

And in the place of thin obsequious Germans in worn-out and patched German suits there are thin obsequious Japanese in worn-out patched Japanese suits.

ROUND PALACE

TUESDAY ON second impressions Tokyo is not so much like Frankfurt after all. For one thing there is not the ruin and rubble.

Fire bombs burned down Tokyo's wooden houses and killed as many as 30,000 people at a time, but left a big stone and cantilever building unblasted and, in most cases, unscathed.

The Japanese got down to it, swept away the ashes, and have everywhere built up new wooden huts for old.

Tokyo seems more busy and less demoralised than Frankfurt.

I have not seen here those gangs of young black marketeers which always seem to

be hanging around the stations and main squares of Germany.

Four times today I have driven round the Emperor's palace. Each time I have seen a young Japanese student in running shorts and gym shoes tearing round the palace moat on a training run. They seem determined to keep themselves fit.

The question is, for what? Another thing, I have not seen any Japanese equivalent so far of G.I. frauleins. I have seen plenty of G.I.s taking a

The NEWSMAP comes
this week from Tokyo

stroll through the city. I have seen plenty of pretty Japanese girls, many of them in gaily coloured kimonos.

But only once so far have I seen a Japanese girl walking with a U.S. soldier. My friends here tell me there are plenty of Japanese girls with G.I. friends, and I believe them. But the point is that whereas in Germany you see frauleins and G.I.s everywhere, here I have been having to search for them.

STAY OR GO?

WEDNESDAY WESTERN discussion in the East could not find much better illustration than the divergent policies of the Western Powers on Japan.

Britain, or, if you prefer it, Mr Bevin, thinks the time has come to make a peace treaty with Japan and evacuate the American and Australian forces now occupying the country, retaining only a civilian supervisory commission to ensure that Japan does not go Communist.

The Americans, vociferously represented by General Douglas MacArthur, insist that there can now, no longer be any question of a peace treaty so long as the present conflict with the Soviet Union remains unsettled.

the staff they used to employ in the peak period of production but also all employees who have returned to Japan from the firm's branch office in Japan's lost overseas empire.

Unless Japan rids herself of these superfluous millions, the Japanese economy will never again become seriously competitive in world trade. At present the Americans are paying out 500 million dollars a year to make up the deficit and keep the country going.

The one Power which could give Japan nearly all it needs to get going again is Russia. The Soviet could give the Japs land on the Asiatic mainland, raw materials and markets for their textiles and machine products.

And, to my mind, it is in this temptation for the Japanese, not the improbability that the U.S. would arm the Japanese to fight the Russians for them, that the Australians should look for danger.

THIRDLY, to use it as a supply base—together with British Hongkong—should the U.S. Government decide that America cannot afford to let South China fall into the hands of the Communists as well as Manchuria and North China.

The Australians take yet another view. They consider Japanese resurgence fundamentally a greater danger to their security than the present threat of Soviet expansion in Asia and a Communist world revolution.

They are scared lest the Japanese of whom there are 75 million against Australia's 7½ million, exploit the Soviet-U.S. conflict for the purposes of Japanese imperialism.

EDITOR'S TROUBLE AT dinner last night — a fascinating affair in which Japanese women guests and servants of the house all wore national dress—I met the editor of Japan's biggest daily, Asahi Shimbun.

They sell 3,500,000 copies daily. This afternoon I visited their office, and now realise why the editor was reluctant, at first, to let me visit his plant.

Every bit of wall space was covered with placards hand-written in Japanese script. Placards even hung from Japanese lanterns and the cross-beams in the editorial room.

Sub-editors and make-up men. "We are having a spot of labour trouble," said my host, "and these are appeals written by rival parties and rival unions."

Although Asahi print only one sheet daily, they have 600 editorial workers on their staff in Tokyo alone.

FROM OVERSEAS THE state of affairs I found yesterday is, I am told, typical of all Japanese industry. They are compelled not only to retain all

General MacArthur received me this evening. I find him the most dynamic personality I have met in my travels anywhere since the war. His enthusiasm is overwhelming. His friends claim that he has liberated the Japanese from the mentality of military slavery.

The Japanese no longer get up and bow when their train passes the Emperor's palace.

MacArthur has killed all that, they say, and put in its place a new democratic sense of personal dignity and equality before the law. I would like to wait a little longer before I endorse that.

TO HIROSHIMA I HAVE got my passes for the military train tomorrow. I am off to Hiroshima to see the place where the atomic bomb began a new era.

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By Frederick Cook

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AT the start of 1948 there were 17 television stations on the air. Today there are 31. Broadcasters are investigating every new technique. Already the new science is proving a vigorous competitor for formal radio. A survey taken by his sponsors revealed that Bing Crosby attracted 10 percent of the listeners in homes having radio without television but that in homes having both his audience dropped to four percent.

The same was true in varying degree with Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Fred Allen and other well-established favourites. Faced with a choice between hearing Jack Benny and watching a newscast, listeners are taking the newscast.

THERE has been a tremendous increase in the variety and number of programmes offered. Last April New Yorkers could choose between only three stations. They could use their sets for only two or three hours a day. Now there are six alternative stations and eight hours' continuous television in every 24.

New cities are being hitched on to the television network every week.

Programme planners are laying heavy stress on two items: newscasts and dramatic presentations. But a new factor is entering the picture—television wants to take its own cameras to sporting events, make its own pictures, entertain its own customers direct, without the necessity of buying a formal newscast film.

For drama presentations, stations are concentrating on live studio shows, not films or remote pick-ups from theatres. But some Broadway shows are likely to be direct if conflict and fee problems can be ironed out.

UNEXPECTED difficulty is confronting television directors over comedy. The imaginative absurdities of formal radio are impossible with television. The broad slapstick of films has been tried and has been a dismal flop. The best brains of the new industry are trying to devise a brand new programme form.

Television people complain of a shortage of good material and say that the new entertainment opens up an attractive new field for writers. With Hollywood holding the rights to so many thousands of stories—and refusing to give them up though showing no signs of transferring them on to celluloid—television planners are pinning their faith on new writers.

HOLLYWOOD film chiefs are becoming more and more interested in the new medium. Several producers have started to turn out short pictures for use over television on the principle of "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Other companies are supplying television stations with old nature films, foreign pictures and short subjects.

Hollywood and the television planners believe that the long-term arrangement which will have to come lies somewhere between these two methods.

On both sides of the fence close attention is being paid to the New York television station WPIX (owned by the New York Daily News) which has closed an experimental deal with Sir Alexander Korda for a series of full-length entertainment films, which are televised once a week.

Film company executives profess confidence that television audiences do not want the sort of fare at their own fireside that they expect to find in the local cinema. But there is a slightly hollow sound about their protestations.

NANCY High and Dry

By Ernie Bushmiller



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MORE EVIDENCE IN BRIBERY INQUIRY

Amusement Arcades
Proprietor Denies He Is
Confidence Trickster

London, Nov. 17.—The Judicial Tribunal appointed by Parliament to investigate accusations of corruption of Ministers and Government officials heard today the testimony of Mr Jacobs Harris, the proprietor of a number of amusement arcades in London.

Mr Harris, a stout grey-haired man, had desired to obtain licences to import automatic amusement machines from the United States. His negotiations brought him into contact with the agent, Solomon Wulkan, alias Sidney Stanley.

Replying to questions, Mr Harris agreed that Stanley mentioned the name of Mr John Belcher, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. Mr Harris added: "Mr Stanley mentioned everybody's name from Mr Attlee downwards."

Mr Harris discussed the deal with Mr Francis Cecil Price, a London business man. Price told him that Stanley was "the biggest villain unhung." Harris said it was understood that Stanley was to get £10,000 for surrendering his own equipment quota so that the equipment could be brought from the United States.

He denied that there had been any suggestion of bribery in the payment of this sum. Price had asked him if he thought anyone at the Board of Trade was going to get a share of the money. He had replied that he did not think so.

Asked for more details about his conversation with Price, Harris quoted Price as saying: "This is the sort of thing you get when a

country is being run by thirty shillings a week railway clerks." Any doubts he might have had about Stanley were dispelled by Mr Alfred Bleber, the solicitor who introduced them and who drew up documents in connection with the fun fair equipment.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, acting for the Crown, put it to Harris that the statement had been dictated by Bleber. Witness denied this.

Sir Hartley questioned Harris about two brothers named Davis who were approached to put up £10,000 to be paid in connection with the fun fair equipment proposition.

Witness said he had told the brothers that he would put up £600 of a sum of £2,000 which Stanley was to receive at the very start of the negotiations.

Sir Hartley: "I put it to you that this was in fact a confidence trick to induce the Davis brothers to put up £2,000 and from the beginning to end you did not intend to put a penny into it."

Harris: "That is too ridiculous to suggest. I am not a confidence

trickster."

£10,000 COMMISSION

Henry Self, an amusement enterer, said he had been asked to come into a proposition to import fun fair equipment. He gathered that £10,000 was to be paid to Stanley as commission for obtaining facilities.

Witness said he decided to go further into the matter because he was curious to know how such a huge amount of machinery could be brought into the country so easily when it had taken him a long time to get a small amount.

He visited Stanley's flat and got the impression that Stanley was trying to impress him. He mentioned names of people he knew—among them Mr Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr Belcher and Mr. Gibson, and names of a lot of important industrial people.

Sir Hartley asked witness if Harris had said that Mr Belcher and Mr Glenvil Hall were to get something out of the deal—were making fortunes out of it.

Witness said he did not know. Self said he and Mr Belcher were personal friends. He had discussed the importation of amusement machinery with him and Mr Belcher had put him on to an official who could help him.

Witness agreed he had asked Mr Belcher to import under the Marshall Plan. Mr Belcher had laughed and said: "The Marshall Plan? Impossible. Dismissed."

NO IMPORT LICENCE

A senior Board of Trade executive said he had searched the register and failed to find any licence for the import of goods up to £100,000 of any of the five names by which Stanley was known.

Nor could he trace the import of cars from the United States to anyone of those names or to Mr Bleber, the London solicitor. (Mr Alfred Bleber said in evidence yesterday that in an alleged phone conversation with the Board of Trade Stanley was purported to have been told that two cars were on their way from the United States.)

Asked if he had heard any suggestion that the United States Government was insisting on payment for importing token amusement machinery, Davis said there was no proposal of this kind.

The Tribunal then went on to the allegations concerning Sherman's Pools, one of Britain's biggest football betting concerns.

Mr Henry Sherman, who also took the oath in Jewish fashion, stated that on a meeting with Sidney Stanley, he had been amazed at his knowledge of the affairs of Sherman's Pools. Stanley, when witness had visited his Park Lane flat, had told him of his friendship with Mr Belcher and others.

FULLY INFORMED

"I am also sure he mentioned Mr Harold Wilson (President of the Board of Trade) and Mr Key (Minister of Works), Sherman added.

Stanley knew all about a case in which Sherman's was being prosecuted for a breach of the paper control and implied that he got his information through his friendship with Mr Belcher.

Sherman added: "I thought it was most extraordinary and did not know where else he could have got the information except from Mr Belcher." Stanley told him that his competitors in the football pool business were continually teasing Mr Belcher and agitating against him.

Witness said they would give Mr Belcher £50,000 or £10,000 to put me out of business," Sherman added. Stanley had suggested to him that he would see Mr Belcher and try to arrange that Sherman would get their rightful allocation of the trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.



Two Soviet fliers who fled from the Ukraine in a twin-engined bomber and landed near Linz, Austria, in the American zone, talk with two U.S. officers during a press interview at American airfield near Linz. The Russians said they hoped to be allowed to enter the United States.—AP Picture.

Arab Spokesman Asks UN To
Abolish Concept Of A
Jewish State

Paris, Nov. 17.—The leading Arab figure of the United Nations, Faris El Khoury Bey, in a two-hour speech today, made a passionate appeal in the Political Committee of the United Nations for abolition of the concept of a Jewish State. He denied that the General Assembly had any right to create such a State and said that, in any case, those delegates who had voted for partition represented only 500 million of the world's population, while those who had avoided voting for the plan represented 1,000 million.

"There is no provision in international practice in law, to allow foreigners, invaders, intruders, outsiders to swarm into a country, settle there and impose themselves upon the majority native population," Faris Bey said.

He reproached the General Assembly and the Security Council for rejecting his many efforts to ask the International Court of Justice to pronounce upon whether the partition plan was based on law and equity.

Why do not the displaced Jews go back to the countries from which they were driven? There used to be three and a half million Jews in Poland, he said.

"We are told that only half a million of these survived. Why does not the Polish Government share among these survivors the homes, the property, the wealth of the original numbers?"

That would mean each Polish Jew would now have some six times richer than he was before the war, said Faris Bey. "He would be able to live in peace and happiness in his own country."

CAN NOW LIVE SAFELY

The Jews who were persecuted in Germany can now safely live there, since Nazism and Fascism have been stamped out and democracy established.

Faris Bey contended that it was ridiculous to claim the existence of a Jewish race or nation.

"Most of the Jews now in Palestine, or those who intend to come there are not children of Israel," he said. "They are the children of all races and added that most of the Jews of Eastern Europe, the majority of the immigrants, were descendants of the Mongolian Kasir tribe, which was converted to Judaism in the 13th century when it was spread around the northern shores of the Caspian Sea."

Faris Bey added, however, "let us accept the Jews already in Palestine, whether legally or illegally, let us make them all legitimate citizens of Palestine, and let us establish a single State with a democratic constitution."

"Let this constitution be either central, as in France, federal as in the United States, or cantonal as in Switzerland."

"And let the minorities have a certain amount of local autonomy."

LIBERAL OFFER

"This is a liberal offer, a very tolerant and very generous one—to accept these invaders and intruders from all over the world."

He warned the United Nations that any attempt to enforce the Bernadotte proposals would make the Middle East a permanent storm centre.

"The Arab States would for ever be forced to arm to resist, to fight," he said.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister told the Committee that Count Bernadotte's Palestine proposals made no provision to protect the Arab States against the constant Jewish encroachment, which they feared, since there was to be no limit on Jewish immigration.

On this point of security, Egypt rejected the proposals, he declared. He said that this lack of security would cause the Arab States to divert a large part of their revenues from much-needed social and economic reform to defence expenditure.

The delegate of Iraq also rejected the plan formally in the name of his Government.

PARTITION FAILURE

He said that it was based on partition, the failure of which had already been amply demonstrated.

The British and the Americans had accepted partition in the first place "to perpetuate in the East the Balkanisation which, for them, is a guarantee of equilibrium," he declared.

After the British withdrawal the Arabs could almost have liquidated Zionism, had not Count Bernadotte come along to ask for four weeks' truce, in which to study the problem. "We accepted it out of loyalty to the United Nations. But the Jews did so in order to group their forces and get more arms."

"The Arab Governments had hoped that Count Bernadotte would produce a peaceful solution, but when they saw that it was grounded on the idea of partition, they could not entertain it."

The Iraq delegate warned the Committee that 40 million Arabs in seven States surrounded Palestine. Linked with these there were millions of North African Arabs and 400 million other Moslems.

"The question goes far beyond little Palestine," he said.

"A Jewish State can become a terrible ulcer, a permanent threat of disturbance in a region which is particularly vulnerable to such disturbances."—Reuter.

Prison And
Cane For Arms
Possession

Surprised by the Police while having tea at the Kwok On Tea-house, No. 138 Queen's Road East, on August 17, Fong Hong, 20, and Cheung Hon, 25, were arrested and found to be in possession of a revolver loaded with six rounds of ammunition, and a dagger respectively.

The two men were arraigned before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when they pleaded guilty to possession of arms and ammunition.

Fong told the Court he had brought the revolver to Hongkong to sell, while the second accused claimed that as the first intended to sell the revolver, he also asked him to sell the dagger for him. Both further declared they were not aware of the law of the Colony.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr (Assistant Crown Solicitor), who prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector R. Mackenzie, said the weapons were concealed beneath the men's clothing. In addition, a coil of wire was found on them. The revolver was in excellent working order.

Consent to the Court's attention to the time of the men's arrest, 9.15 p.m.

Sentencing each of the accused to four years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, his Lordship remarked that the circumstances in which the arms were found made it more probable that the accused intended to use them for some unlawful purpose, and not for some lawful purpose, as they did not know the law of Hongkong.

The weapons were ordered to be confiscated.

MINISTER
INSULTED IN
ASSEMBLY

Paris, Nov. 17.—The French National Assembly was suspended today after the Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, had been called "Liar" by the Communist Deputy and miners' trade union leader, M. Auguste Lecoq.

The President of the National Assembly, M. Edouard Herriot, suspended the sitting shortly after the Assembly had resumed its debate on the Communist-led French strikes and the declaration by M. Moch that they were inspired by the Communists.

M. Lecoq in a heated condemnation of governmental intervention in the strikes, accused the police of "barbarism."

When the Minister for the Interior rose to protest, M. Lecoq turned to him and exclaimed: "You are a liar."

This was greeted by cheers from the Communists benches and counter-protests from elsewhere.

PRESIDENT'S WARNING

In the hubbub, M. Herriot's calls for order met with no immediate response, so he suspended the sitting. When the session was resumed, M. Herriot warned the Deputies that he would take further action if they continued to use insults.

M. Lecoq then continued his speech criticising the Government for its policy towards the miners. He said: "All its operations have caused four deaths among the miners, a hundred wounded and several thousand miners in prison."

After further speeches by Communist Deputies but no further incidents, the Assembly adjourned until tomorrow when M. Andre Marie, the Minister of Justice, is expected to speak.—Reuter.

Alters Plea On
Judge's Advice

Accepting the advice of Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Li Hon-fung, ice cream seller, altered a plea of guilty to one of not guilty when charged with maliciously wounding Mong Kau at the Wo Sum tea-house in Canton Road on October 2. He pleaded guilty to possession of a dagger.

When asked to plead to the major charge, accused said, "I want to plead guilty but I want you to hear my grievances."

Accused alleged that he had been abused by several folks in the tea-house who spat on his face. He did not know why they did this because he had money to pay for his meal. He said that the complainant threatened him with a chopper and he stabbed him.

Mr Justice Gould told the accused that if he stabbed the complainant in self-defence when he was threatened then he would advise him to plead not guilty.

The accused was remanded for trial.

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Complimented For Courage

Mr Raymond Chung, of 15 Kowloon Road, was complimented by Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning for his courage in going to the assistance of a young Chinese woman who had been robbed at night in Castle Road near Robinson Road.

Sentenced to five years and six strokes of the cane was 19-year-old Leung Tak-ping who pleaded guilty to robbery with violence. The complainant was Miss Yeung Fing-wah, 28, of 15 Gage Street.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr (Assistant Crown Solicitor), assisted by Det. Insp. A. N. Cochrane, prosecuted and said that the crime occurred about 10.15 p.m. The accused snatched a basket from Miss Yeung, then caught her by the throat and pushed her to the ground. Mr Chung was passing by in his car. He stopped and with his driver went to her aid. The accused feigned that he had a gun in his pocket but this did not deter Mr Chung. Messrs. Roza and Botelho came on the scene and the accused was then taken to the Police Station in a taxi. Mr Botelho found a gold ring in accused's hand. The ring had been snatched from the woman. The accused had no previous convictions.

Airlines' Losses

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"Five Constellations have been bought for the Australian service, 22 Canadairs have been ordered, and the Hermes IV should be in operation on the Empire routes in 1949," the report said.

"The re-equipment of the fleet with these aircraft will entirely change the Corporation's financial prospects, and the Corporation should be self-supporting on its commercial routes within three or four years."—Reuter.

ASSASSINATION RISKS

London, Nov. 17.—The "definite risk of assassination" was given by the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, in Parliament today as a reason why Britain was not putting more consular officials in the Jewish areas of Palestine at the moment.—Reuter.

Death Of Mr
S.M. Bander

Mr Samuel M. Bander, an old resident of the Colony and who was for many years connected with the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, died at the Kowloon Hospital this morning. He had been in failing health for a long period. He was 63 years of age.

The late Mr Bander was one of the railway officers taking service with the Canton-Kowloon section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway line under the terms of the British and Chinese Corporations Loan Agreement with the working of the line.

The late Mr Bander, who was decorated by the Chinese Government in 1930, was stationed at Shumchun for many years where he was Traffic Inspector. He retired from the service just prior to the outbreak of hostilities. He was interned in Stanley and on liberation went to Australia where he was in hospital for a while.

The deceased is survived by his wife, daughter Stella, son Charles (who is in England), and sister Mrs (Anela) Laddu.

Bonnets For Nov.
14 Babies

Bayonne, N.J. Nov. 17.—Baby bonnets numbering 100 have been sent to London for babies born on the same day as Princess Elizabeth's son.

The shipment was made on Tuesday by a national young people group called the Teen Age Council.

(The bonnets will be distributed by the British Women's voluntary service in London.—Associated Press.)

TODAY'S CRICKET

Malaya's Combined Services Meet Hongkong's

By "RECORDER"

For the visiting Malaya Combined Services cricketers, today's match against Hongkong's Combined Services is a Test Match, let alone an inter-port. It should rank as, perhaps, the biggest event in the Services' sporting calendar in the South-east Asia zone, on a par with the British Pacific Fleet's Boxing Championships earlier this year.

Padre Steele's XI is fairly representative of the best that Services' Cricket can produce in Malaya and it comes up against a Hongkong Combined Services team drawn largely from two of the leading teams in the local Cricket League.

The teams in the two-day match that starts at 11 o'clock this morning at Chater Road are:

MALAYA

Major D. B. Hale
Capt. R. Hunter
Sgt/Ldr. R. Leggett
Cpl. E. Robinson
F/Lt. R. H. S. Syrett
F/Lt. E. Kenyon
F/Lt. G. Lloyd
Capt. R. H. Leslie-Jones
Lt. Cmdr. E. H. Lee
Col. J. W. J. Steele
F/Lt. W. J. Parham

HONGKONG

W/Cdr. A. D. Panten
Major Murray Brown
Lt. Cdr. Vavonour
Major Dawe
Major Hale
Sgt/Ldr. Gall
A/C. Belrne
Lt. A. Stepto
Cpl. Banton
F/O. Gambrell
Cpl. Hodgson



STEPS — FAST

HEAVYWEIGHTS' TOURNEY

Olek & Wilson In Final

Brussels, Nov. 17.—Stephans Olek, the French champion, reached the final of the international professional heavy-weight boxing tournament here tonight when he knocked out Paco Bueno, champion of Spain, in the first round of their semi-final fight.

A crowd of 3,000 saw Olek, who is the favourite for the event, attack from the start of the going, landing heavily with a series of lefts and rights.

The fight was only two minutes 45 seconds old when a short left upper cut sent the Spaniard crashing to the canvas for the count and he had to be carried from the ring by his seconds.

Olek will meet Aaron Wilson, of the United States, in the final of the tournament in Brussels on December 4.

In the other semi-final bout, Wilson knocked out Kurt Schlegel, of Austria, in the third round. The Austrian had the better of the fight in the first two rounds, against the aggressive young Negro boxer, who has been campaigning in Europe since he was demobilised from the United States Army in 1946.

Schlegel outboxed Wilson in the early rounds, displaying beautiful footwork and classical punching, but out of a clinch in the third round, he dropped his guard for a second, and the American landed with a terrific right to the jaw which sent the Austrian spinning down for the count.—Reuter.

He has won over 80 fights with only one defeat in his path to the British middleweight title but two major blows came this year when he was beaten by Bob Murphy of New Zealand in a contest for the vacant Empire title and then in June lost the British championship to Dick Turpin.—Reuter.

Robinson ill: New York, Nov. 16.—John Christensen, Secretary of the New York Boxing Commission, today disclosed that the welter-weight champion, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, had been placed on the "ill and unavailable list" because of his inability to appear for the scheduled bout on November 9 in Buffalo.

Robinson, while permitted to fulfil contracts made in other states which have "an in-state agreement" with New York, will be prohibited from making new engagements until New York lifts the ban after a physical examination.—United Press.

Bill Terry For Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—Cincinnati Reds today announced that Bill Terry, former New York Giants manager and holder of the lifetime batting average of .341 in the National League, may become the training and batting coach for the club next year.—United Press.

The Malayan Combined Services proved with their decisive four-wicket victory over the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday that they are a team with considerable batting strength.

The HKCC bowling yesterday lacked howarth only. All the other Scorpions and Optimists were there and were hit. The bowling, if not devastating, was varied enough and it was scored off.

FOUND THEIR FOOTING

If the Malaya Combined Services lost their first two matches against, first, a Combined KCC & Recreio XI and then against Army, they proved yesterday that they were finding their local feet. It is also quite some time since the Malaya Cricket season ended.

It should be a different team from that of Sunday forenoon that stands up to Hongkong's Services bowlers today. The whole of the Hongkong attack has been entrusted to two fast and two medium bowlers without any other variety thrown in. Our fast bowlers so far have taken most of the visitors' wickets and on Stepto and Gambrell will rest, probably, the initial assault. The HKCC wicket has been known to provide fast bowlers with a varied reception and both Stepto and Gambrell have had bad bowling spells there.

It may happen that a good deal of work of dismissing the opposition will have to be handed over to Banton and Hodgson, two medium-paced bowlers who keep a steady length and are near top of the League averages.

THE OPPOSITION
Parham and Leggett are likely to be the opening bowlers for Malaya. The former has a local record so far of 13 wickets for 70 runs from two matches, a better performance against better batting than most of our League bowlers have turned up after four matches.

Parham is a fast bowler who falls off to medium in spells with balls



BANTON — MEDIUM

that turn in from the off. He has been hit but he has also taken some big-name local wickets, among them those of both G.N. and Dr. E. L. Gosano, Stokes, Owen-Hughes, Kilbee and Leach.

Bowling at the other end will be Leggett, another medium-to-fast bowler who puts a turn to the ball. Then there is a lot of variety in the change bowlers—Kenyon, another medium-to-fast, Syrett and Padre Steele—spin, Lloyd—slow leg-break, and Robinson—slow off-spin.

THE BATTING

Neither of the two teams appears to have a batting side guaranteed against collapse. Malaya's bats have more polish and Leggett and Syrett are a delight to watch when they have settled down. Both have, essentially, a good eye rather than an around-the-wicket approach to run-getting.

Malaya's batting is, on the whole, stronger. Though Hongkong's batting side has as much polish, most of our bats have been in very different form of late and are as likely to be out under two figures as to reach 50.

Hongkong's opening pair will be selected from Panten, Murray-Brown and F/O. Marshall, 12th man until it is known for certain. If Sgt/Ldr. Gall, the wicket-keeper, will be able to play, there is batting strength right down to the tail and both Army and RAF in recent League matches



PADRE STEELE

have come to life with five or more wickets down.

Much will depend on Hongkong's bowling and of the four bowlers selected, if two touch form the vagaries of the batting will be more than compensated for. Whatever happens, the match should be one of the best of the season.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH

Playing the third match on their visit to the Colony, the Malaya Services registered their first victory with a splendid win over Hongkong Cricket Club on Chater Road ground yesterday in a fast scoring cricket match.

Facing a total of 201, the visitors with six wickets down for 68 made a great recovery and went on to win by four wickets thanks mainly to a seventh wicket partnership of 78 between Syrett and Lloyd each of whom scored over 50.

Oliver-batted well for HKCC for his 52 as did Stokes and Owen-Hughes. Parham the visitors' opening bowler maintained a good length and speed and claimed eight wickets for 37 runs. Perry and Hughes were engaged in a last wicket stand that realised over 30.

Full scores were:

HKCC				
L. F. Stokes, b. Parham	52	0	0	0
C. J. Kilbee, b. Parham	40	0	0	0
N. R. Oliver, b. Steele	52	0	0	0
G. H. Owen-Hughes, b. Parham	40	0	0	0
D. H. Leach, c. Copley, b. Parham	2	0	0	0
R. J. Franklin, c. Leggett, b. Parham	6	0	0	0
R. J. Kerr, c. Greenwood, b. Steele	6	0	0	0
T. P. Mahon, c. Leggett, b. Parham	9	0	0	0
R. J. Perry, not out	18	0	0	0
R. H. Hughes, b. Parham	21	0	0	0
Extras	21	0	0	0
Total	201	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis				
Parham	15.5	0	26	0
Leggett	7	0	23	0
Syrett	11	1	55	0
Steele	11	1	55	0

MALAYA SERVICES				
Maj. Greenwood, c. Hughes, b. Perry	6	0	0	0
Capt. Hunter, b. Perry	8	0	0	0
Sgt/Ldr. Leggett, c. b. Perry	27	0	0	0
Cpl. Robinson, lbw, b. Mahon	53	0	0	0
Sgt. Copley, lbw, b. Mahon	1	0	0	0
F/Lt. Lloyd, c. Leach, b. Kerr	59	0	0	0
Cpl. Leslie-Jones, c. Kerr, b. Parham	10	0	0	0
F/Lt. Robertson, not out	11	0	0	0
Extras	11	0	0	0
Total (for 8 wks)	214	0	0	0

F/L Parham and Col Steele did not bat.				
Bowling Analysis				
Mahon	10	3	73	3
Perry	17	3	46	3
Owen-Hughes	4	0	20	0
Steele	4	0	18	0
Kerr	3	1	14	1
Franklin	1	0	0	0

Rugger Results

London, Nov. 17.—Berkshire beat Sussex 23-3 in the Rugby Union County Championship today while Middlesex drew 3-3 with Surrey.

In Club Rugby Union matches, Cambridge University beat Guy's Hospital 14-8 while Royal Navy beat Devon 11-8.

The touring Australian Rugby League team beat Swinton 21-0.—Reuter.

LRC Results

Results of the tennis matches played at the Ladies' Recreation Club yesterday were:
Club Mixed Doubles—J. D. Hawthorne and Mrs. Standish beat Mr. and Mrs. Probert 6-0, 6-1.
Handicap Men's Doubles—C. W. L. and Mrs. J. Alexander beat E. J. Sorenson and N. P. Peterson 6-2, 6-3.
Mrs. Standish and Mrs. L. Baker will play Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Broadbent in the Club Ladies Doubles to-day.

RUN-GETTERS



Squadron-Leader R. H. Syrett, left, who knocked the HKCC bowling down yesterday for 55 runs, playing a chanceless innings before being caught behind the wicket, and Cpl. E. Robinson, two of Malaya's mainstays in today's batting against the Hongkong Combined Services.

Syrett has scored 77 runs from two matches, keeping his wicket for 22 in the first match against the Mainland. Robinson's record so far is 8, 30 and 11, but he is expected to do better than that in the next four days. These are but two wickets to be contended with in Malaya's strong batting side.—Golden Studio Photograph.

TWO GOALS DOWN AFTER FIVE MINUTES' PLAY

SCOTLAND WINS 3-2

Glasgow, Nov. 17.—Scotland scored a magnificent victory by three goals to two over Ireland at Hampden Park this afternoon after being two goals behind after five minutes' play.

Ireland had a gaily bedecked four-figure crowd of supporters who made their presence heard in the midst of a gathering of over 80,000 onlookers, particularly after that opening five minutes.

Almost directly from the kick-off, D. Walsh chased a long clearance from his own end and when young tried to pass back to the Scottish goalkeeper, Brown, who had taken Cowan's place, Walsh slipped in and forced the ball out of Brown's hands across the line.

Then a low cross-shot from Cochrane was seized by Walsh who sent home for Ireland's second goal. For a time Scotland were out of their stride, yet rallied and for a long while Ireland were never out of their own half.

Scotland deservedly scored after 30 minutes when Houlston took a pass from Evans to score with terrific force, Smyth in goal tipping the ball on to the underside of the bar.

With any luck, Scotland would have been level before half-time when Ireland held a lead of two goals to one.

SECOND HALF

Ireland were dangerous through Walsh and Doherty early in the second half but at the other end Smyth in the Irish goal almost gave Scotland an equaliser when he dropped the ball from a wing pass and was almost bundled into the net with the ball.

Two corners led to scrimmages in the Irish goal and the famous Hampden roar from the huge crowd urged Scotland on. An equaliser was overdue on the run of the play, but Ireland were defending heroically with Vernon shining in this respect.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Masdon levelled the scores following a combined attack and he almost scored again after beating three opponents.

The Scottish pressure was now persistent and when it seemed that Ireland's defence would save the game and after Kelly had missed an easy chance to give Scotland the lead, Houlston headed through from a perfect pass by Waddell 30 seconds from time and Scotland led won by three goals to two.—Reuter.

TEAMS FOR THE CUP MATCHES

Teams for the Memorial Cup and Governor's Cup were selected yesterday by the HKFA Committee.

The following will represent the non-Chinese against the Army in the Memorial Cup at Boundary Street on November 21 at 3.30 p.m.: Leck, Roche, Forster, Tolson, Leonard, Banton, Muller, Muller, Weller, Korman and Nickford. Reserves—A. H. McKenzie, Beck, Howlett, Gordon and Gomez. Team manager—Insp. Harris.

HKFA v Chinese in the Governor's Cup on Boundary Street ground on December 12: Cordell, Roche, Craighead, Weatherall, Leonard, Banton, Muller, Muller, Korman, Rafferty and Omar. Reserves—Parham, Wheeler, Clinton and Knox. Team manager—Capt. Tibble.

It was decided to replay the match between Police and St. Joseph's (First Division) which was abandoned four minutes from the end on November 7.

US To Adopt European Soccer Style

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Nov. 7.—The USA, having learned its lesson in the Olympics, plans to change its style of amateur soccer from helter-skelter speed to European-style precision teamwork.

"We found that just speed and stamina won't work," said Joseph Barriskill, executive secretary of the U.S. Football Association and an American Olympic soccer official.

"Our Olympic players were fast and had a lot of dash, but no ball control. And we were beaten."

"But America learned a lot at London. Now we expect to beat the other fellow at his own game."

"We watched the Swedes and the Norwegians and the Czechs and all the other good teams very carefully, and we benefited."

"Already I can see a clear improvement in the American players. When the USA Olympic team played the Israeli National Soccer team at New York on Sept. 26, I could see at least a 50 percent improvement in the Americans."

"We were better in teamwork, in precision play and our defence was much stronger as our players covered their men more thoroughly."

The USA won that game with Israel, 3 to 1, and Barriskill said he believed that was a fair example of what may be expected from American in future international soccer matches.

"When we played our former style we usually tired badly in the second half," said Barriskill, "but against Israel the American players still were strong at the finish."

"We admit the error of our style, and now I believe that the American Football Association may even improve the European style."

NORWEGIAN TEAM

He said that the Norwegian team which the USA Olympic squad played at Oslo in a pre-Olympic exhibition was the best he saw overseas, with Sweden's Olympic champions a close second.

Interest in international play has been aroused in American fans, and negotiations are under way to bring several foreign teams to America.

The American Soccer League, a professional group, has invited the Belfast Celtics to tour next spring, and the secretary of the Scottish Football Association has talked of bringing a picked international team to America.

Lynfield, a Scottish team, also is considering a tour of Canada and may come to New York, and the English Football Association has discussed a Canadian tour which may be extended to include USA cities.—United Press.

BADMINTON

A Puzzle For The Danish Selectors

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—Denmark's team for the Thomas Cup badminton tournament is expected to be reshuffled shortly and if, as experts here believe, the Danes win the European Zone final, the Malayan holders of the Pacific Zone will face a far stronger side than that which beat Ireland earlier this month.

It is generally believed in Danish badminton circles that Malaya presents the most formidable challenge outside the European nations taking part in the tournament for the coveted Cup—the Davis Cup of the badminton world.

The reshuffle follows the sensational defeat of some of Denmark's top players.

In the championships held at one of the country's biggest badminton clubs recently, all players in the match against Ireland were defeated. Equally surprising results have emerged from other clubs. As a result of these upheavals, at least two changes are expected in the Thomas Cup team to meet Sweden in the second round.

However, the final outcome depends on the Copenhagen championships, which are being held from November 21 to December 1.

NEW SENSATION

Denmark's 25,000 badminton fans are talking about the way in which an unknown Copenhagen clerk, 19-year old Mogens Koelle, defeated with apparent ease two of the biggest names in the game—internationals Boerge Frederiksen and Joern Skarup.

The two top men in Denmark are now unofficially listed as: Joern Skarup, Poul Holm, Mogens Koelle, Preben Dabelsteen and Boerge Frederiksen.

It is thought that these players will form the team to meet Sweden, Denmark's main rival in the European Zone. The tie was scheduled to be held at Malmo, Sweden, on December 9 and 10 but, dismayed at the poor interest shown in the recent Sweden-Ireland international match, the Swedish Badminton Association asked the Danish Association to arrange the game in Copenhagen.—Reuter.

ACCEPTED

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—It was announced today that the second round tie in the European zone of the Thomas Cup badminton tournament between Denmark and Sweden, will take place in Copenhagen on December 7, 8 and 9.—Reuter.

INDIANS ARRIVE

Halifax, Nov. 17.—India's international badminton team arrived here today on board the Aquitania for their Thomas Cup match against Canada in Toronto next month.

George Lewis, captain of the team, said the squad were not optimistic about defeating Canadian teams, but he added that members of his team were in excellent condition although in need of practice for they have not played since leaving Bombay.

The modest quiet-spoken players refused to be drawn into a political discussion by reporters when they landed. "We are here to play sports and sports only," said one member of the side.

The Indians will meet a Halifax team tonight and play against St.

BOBBY RIGGS & PAULINE BETZ BECOME TABLE TENNIS PROFESSIONALS

Boom Year For Ping Pong

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Nov. 17.—Given assists by Bobby Riggs and Pauline Betz, table tennis in the USA hopes to have its biggest season in 1948-49.

Riggs, former world amateur and professional lawn tennis champ, and Miss Betz, world amateur women's lawn tennis champion until she was declared a professional when it was discovered she was thinking about a pro contract, have augmented their lawn tennis incomes by playing table tennis exhibitions.

"The fact that these famous lawn tennis stars play table tennis, and play it expertly, has led to the ever-growing popularity of table tennis," said Elmer Cinnauer, president of the U.S. Table Tennis Association.

Riggs, now in Australia as a member of a touring tennis party which includes Jack Kramer, Pancho Segura and Dingy Ellis, told the Sydney Sun that he will stay in Australia during December and January to make a table tennis swing with Michael Szabados, former world table tennis champ.

"We may go to New Zealand and then America later," Riggs said.

"I had intended to make a table tennis tour of America in the autumn of 1948, but this lawn tennis tour of Australia made that impossible," Riggs explained.

"I would have made that USA swing with Sander Glanz of Hungary, but when I couldn't do it, Pauline Betz took my place."

Szabados, who often has played

AND LOCALLY, A SINGAPORE TEAM IS COMING

Six Singapore table-tennis players, headed by two 1948 China Olympic players, Chua Kim Hearn, Singapore champion, and Lai Ying Hon, are scheduled to leave for Hongkong on December 8 at the invitation of the Hongkong Table Tennis Association.

If time permits of extension, the team will also visit Macao and Canton. The tour is being financed by the generosity of Dr. C. J. Faglar and Mr. Lien Ying Chow, patrons of the Singapore Table Tennis Association.

Members of the selection committee are: Messrs. Chong Kow Thye, Cho Yan Yik, Mr. Hassan, Joseph Yan, S. Supplian and Lam Pak Choon.

John and Montreal, before going to Toronto where they will meet the best players in Canada in the American Zone of the Thomas Cup.—Reuter.

From Meters To Billiards

Doncaster, Nov. 17.—When Wilfred Heath, 30-year-old of Carcroft, near Doncaster, is not inspecting like meters which is his job, he likes to have a game of billiards.

He has in fact become very adept with the cue and with luck may well win the English amateur championship.

He took a step towards this by his victory in the Sheffield area competition to qualify for the championship proper here tonight.

His best runs were 101, 117 and 100.—Reuter.

EQUESTRIAN INTERNATIONAL

Paris, Nov. 17.—The Italian team of Sandro Ferrone and Dinio, riding Druir and Formidabile, won the Prix de La Providence, for teams of two riders, on the second day of the three-day international horse jumping competition here tonight.

Their time was two minutes 17.5 seconds without a fault. The French team of M. Benzet and Captain Chevallier, on Kilmaln and Unibel Olseau, were second in two minutes 19.3 seconds without a fault.

Third place went to the British team of Miss Mary Whitehead and Mr. E. Holland Martin, riding Nobbler and Taly Cood, in two minutes 10.4 seconds with two faults.

The Palais de Sports, where the events are taking place, was packed to capacity tonight and large crowds had to be turned away.—Reuter.

Tour Of Sicily

Rome, Nov. 17.—Seventy-five riders including French, Swiss and Swedish are expected to start in the "Tour of Sicily" cycling race which begins at Palermo next Tuesday, November 23.

The race, which is over a distance of 1,071 kilometres, ends at Palermo on November 28, French and Swiss participation seems almost certain and it is hoped that the Swedes will be able to send a team, although this is not yet definite.—Reuter.

Urges Stabilised Farm, Food Prices

Washington, Nov. 17.—Mr. Tom Williams, Britain's agricultural chief, urged today global stabilisation of food and farm prices to combat world hunger.

Speaking at the fourth annual conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Mr. Williams told delegates from the 57 member nations that a form of planned economy on an international scale is now needed.

"In the past century," he said in a prepared address, "we largely relied on a freely functioning price mechanism to equate supplies with effective demand."

"Now all this is largely inoperative. A large element of planning has necessarily entered the world system."

The British Agriculture Minister said that while there can be no "master plan" with a "specific production and stabilisation" programme, progress can be made through broad scale co-operative agreements.

WHEAT AGREEMENT

As an example, he cited the world wheat agreement under which minimum prices would have been guaranteed farmers in the exporting countries. This agreement was put before the Senate last summer but was not ratified. President Harry Truman has indicated, however, that he intends to press for Senate approval in the new Democratic-controlled Congress next year.

Mr. Williams said that while there is an urgent need for new ways of making present farm lands yield more, even expanded production will not solve the problem of getting the harvest surplus to lands where there are natural crop deficits and to the war-ravaged regions. He added:

"Stabilisation of agricultural prices with the attendant relief to the agricultural community from the social and economic hardships of violent fluctuations, has rightly become an objective of agricultural policy in all advanced countries."

Mr. Williams said that the Labour Government's own socialisation programme enables British farmers to know what prices their crops will bring the next two years, while livestock producers know the minimum they will get four years from now.—Associated Press.

Atlantic Liner To Sail

London, Nov. 17.—The Cunard White Star line announced tonight that the liner, Queen Elizabeth, whose departure for New York has been delayed by the United States dock strike, will sail on Saturday for New York by way of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The vessel was due to leave Southampton yesterday. Present plans are that the liner will make for Halifax, but should the strike end during the voyage, she will go direct to New York.

The "Company" announced in Liverpool today that it would not accept cargo for American ports because of the strike.

(Marshall Aid officials estimated in Washington today that approximately 140,000 tons of Recovery supplies destined for Europe had piled up at East Coast ports because of the strike. Shipments totalling 20,000 tons daily were moving to wards the North Atlantic ports, where all cargoes except coal and grain had been tied up, they said.)

(A transport officer said the strike would have a "serious effect" on Europe's recovery if it lasted much longer.)—Reuter.

POPE'S DAY OF PRAYER

Vatican City, Nov. 17.—It was learned at the Vatican City today that Pope Pius XII has declared his intention of passing April 2, 1949—the 50th anniversary of his ordination—as a day of prayer and devout meditation. The Pope has taken this decision owing to his grave preoccupation over the spiritual and material problems afflicting so many of the faithful throughout the world.—Reuter.

General Robertson Sharply Criticises German Officials

Frankfurt, Nov. 17.—General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor in Germany, today criticised German officials for laxity and fumbling and warned that the country will have to put up with a low living standard for a long time.

Meeting the press in Bonn's capital for the first time, Gen. Robertson read a 10-page statement criticising German officials for:

1. Failure to end hoarding and profiteering in consumer goods.
2. Sloppy and inefficient food and grain collections which this year were lower than those of the year gone by, by 13 percent although the crops were larger and prices were up 10 percent.

3. Indiscriminate granting of short term loans.
4. Faulty financial administration at all levels of the government, including "dangerous" definition of necessary staff.

IS IT A ROMANCE?



Aly Khan, son of the fabulously wealthy Aga Khan, whose presence in California has created considerable mystery, is shown dining with Actress Rita Hayworth in a Hollywood night club. Their names have been linked romantically but neither will comment.—AP Picture.

CHURCHILL'S FAITH IN THE UNITED EUROPE MOVEMENT

London, Nov. 17.—Mr Winston Churchill declared today that the United Europe Movement, launched at the Hague last May, will go forward with or without British Government support.

"We hope the Government will not hesitate to help in this matter," Mr Churchill told a group of European Ambassadors and invited guests attending the opening of a United Europe exhibition today.

"If they become obstructive, it will not stop our progress. We must and will do our best."

The House of Commons proposed creation of a Consultative Assembly to work out European Union Plan. France and Belgium officially approved but Britain took the position that the question should be left to a "Council of Ministers", appointed by the Governments in power.

LETTERS MADE PUBLIC

Mr Churchill and Prime Minister Clement Attlee made public an exchange of letters on the subject over the weekend. Mr Attlee, in these, refused Mr Churchill's request that opposition parties be included in the British delegation to a meeting in London this month for discussion of Union proposals.

Mr Churchill told his audience today that the Consultative Assembly, proposed by the Hague Congress, was not intended to be given executive powers.

"The Assembly will perform an essential task," he said, "one which cannot be performed by Government. The task of creating a European—public—opinion—and a sense of solidarity among the peoples of Europe."

Guests at the exhibition included the Ambassadors of Switzerland, Italy, Luxembourg, France, Denmark and Belgium and the Ministers of Finland and Iceland together with those of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, still recognised as such by the British Government.

The exhibition is composed of pictures and displays from the various European countries.

CHURCHILL'S PLEA

Mr Churchill urged that advocates of European Union make no attempt now "to define too precisely the exact constitutional form which will ultimately emerge."

"We would do better to concentrate our united efforts on immediately practicable steps," he said.

"Let us not undermine the progress which has already been made in the field of inter-governmental co-operation during the past twelve months. Through the medium of the Marshall Plan and the Brussels Pact, changes amounting to nothing less than a revolution in our international relationships, have been brought about. The machinery for joint consultation and planning must be maintained and strengthened and its scope expanded."—Associated Press.

Mediation In East Coast Strike

Washington, Nov. 17.—The United States Government today sent one of its top mediators to New York to try to end the crippling East Coast dock strike.

Mr William Margolis, of the Federal Mediation Service, left by air for conferences with Union and Management leaders.

Mr Margolis' immediate objective is understood to be to get the two sides together. There have been no negotiations since the walkout, started over a week ago.

Government officials are known to feel that the strike was engineered by Leftwing influences in the Union. Some feel too that the strike developed chiefly from a challenge to the Union leadership of Mr Joseph Ryan, who is regarded as anti-Communist.

They discount the theory expressed by some observers that Leftwingers wanted to cripple the European Recovery Aid Programme.

Mr Ryan, first accepted a ten-cent hourly wage increase offered from the stevedoring firms and recommended the union groups to ratify contracts with such wage increases.

STRATEGIC CHALLENGE

A number of union groups, however, mostly in New York, rejected the contract and demanded larger wage increases.

This move is regarded by many Government and labour relations experts as a strategic challenge to Mr Ryan's rule of the International Longshoremen's Association—rather than any real concern for getting more money or for being up shipping.

After a number of ILA units rejected the ten-cent offer and stopped work Mr Ryan made the strike official and complete all along the East Coast.

In other words, it is believed in Government circles in Washington that Mr Ryan joined his challengers in order to minimise their challenge. On several past occasions ILA minority groups have similarly balked at Mr Ryan's contract, recommendations and staged unauthorized strikes. But none of them became so widespread as the present situation.—Associated Press.

DANCING HALLS THREATENED

Canton, Nov. 18.—The fate of nine dancing halls here are again hanging in the balance.

Early this year they escaped being closed down by pleading certain dire hardship for the large number of their hostesses and other employees. Now they are facing extinction again since the Central Authorities are reported to have asked the local Municipal Government why these dance halls are still in existence.

It is further reported that the local authorities have suggested that the cabarets be closed down at the rate of one a month which, if the suggestion is carried out, would see the end of dance halls here by August next year.

Whether this plan will be put into effect will depend upon the Central Authorities' reception of it.—Reuter.

Plans To Evacuate White Russians

Shanghai, Nov. 18.—Shanghai's 7,000 odd White Russians, fearful of their fate should this city ever fall into the hands of the Chinese Communists, were told last night of plans for their evacuation in the event of Red occupation.

The Associated Press learned that at a farewell party at the Russian ex-officers' club for Father Nicodim of the Russian Orthodox Church, Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Association G. K. Bologoff had assured 50 White Russian guests that an appeal for help has been sounded to the governments of the world on behalf of Russian emigrants at Shanghai.

Father Nicodim is leaving for Argentina to urge the Argentine government to speed up approval of immigration visas for White Russians in China so that they may escape possible retribution under the hands of the Reds.

At present Argentina is one of the few countries of the world where Russian emigrants from Shanghai may go to start a new life, away from what some White Russians called "the long arm of Soviet vengeance."

Shanghai's White Russians, for the most part, consist of refugees from the Russian revolution, including many Cossack officers and their families.

For the past few years, the Reds' danger has been a sword of Damocles poised over their heads, but never so closely as it is now.

TAIWAN AS REFUGE

The source said negotiations were being conducted with the Chinese government to evacuate White Russians from the Peking and Tientsin areas to Taiwan should the Chinese Communist threat to those cities increase.

For the past three decades, White Russians have played a major role in Shanghai's cultural, business and social life. Many are connected with leading Shanghai business firms.

White Russians in Shanghai provided the city with its opera entertainment in recent years, and could be found among the ranks of artists, technicians, doctors and other professional lines. Many White Russian girls married American soldiers shortly after the Japanese surrender, when an estimated 100,000 U.S. troops passed through the city enroute back to the U.S.

The mass evacuation of White Russians in Shanghai, should it become necessary, coupled with the evacuation of British, American and other foreign nationals, would take away the last vestiges of foreign influence and participation in what was a thriving international city.—Associated Press.

Powers Of Banishment

NOT ABROGATED IN MALAYA

London, Nov. 17.—Mr David Rees Williams, the Under-Secretary for Colonies, declared today in Parliament that the High Commissioner of Malaya's power of banishment was conferred by law and had not been abrogated.

He was replying to a question by Sir Peter MacDonald—Conservative—as to why and in what circumstances the Power of Banishment was referred to the High Commissioner during the post-war period.

Sir Peter also wanted to know whether the power had now been restored and how many persons had come under its effect since its restoration.

NO REQUEST REFUSED

"From time to time there has been consultation between the authorities in Malaya and the Secretary of State as to the extent to which this power should be exercised without prior reference to the Secretary of State but (apart from the period in which the deportation of British subjects was not permitted) at no time has any request by the local authorities for extending curfew hours, in which they could take action, been refused by the Secretary of State, Rees Williams said.

There were no banishments between the restoration of the Civil Government in April 1946 and December of that year. There were 103 in 1947 and 472 to date in 1948.

Mr Rees Williams told Frederick Erroll—Conservative—that most of the arms captured from the bandits in Malaya were of British origin although some were of Japanese origin. In addition there were a few Dutch and American weapons which had also been recovered. There also had been one old Bren gun made in Czechoslovakia and bearing the emblem of Nationalist China from where it probably came.—Reuter.

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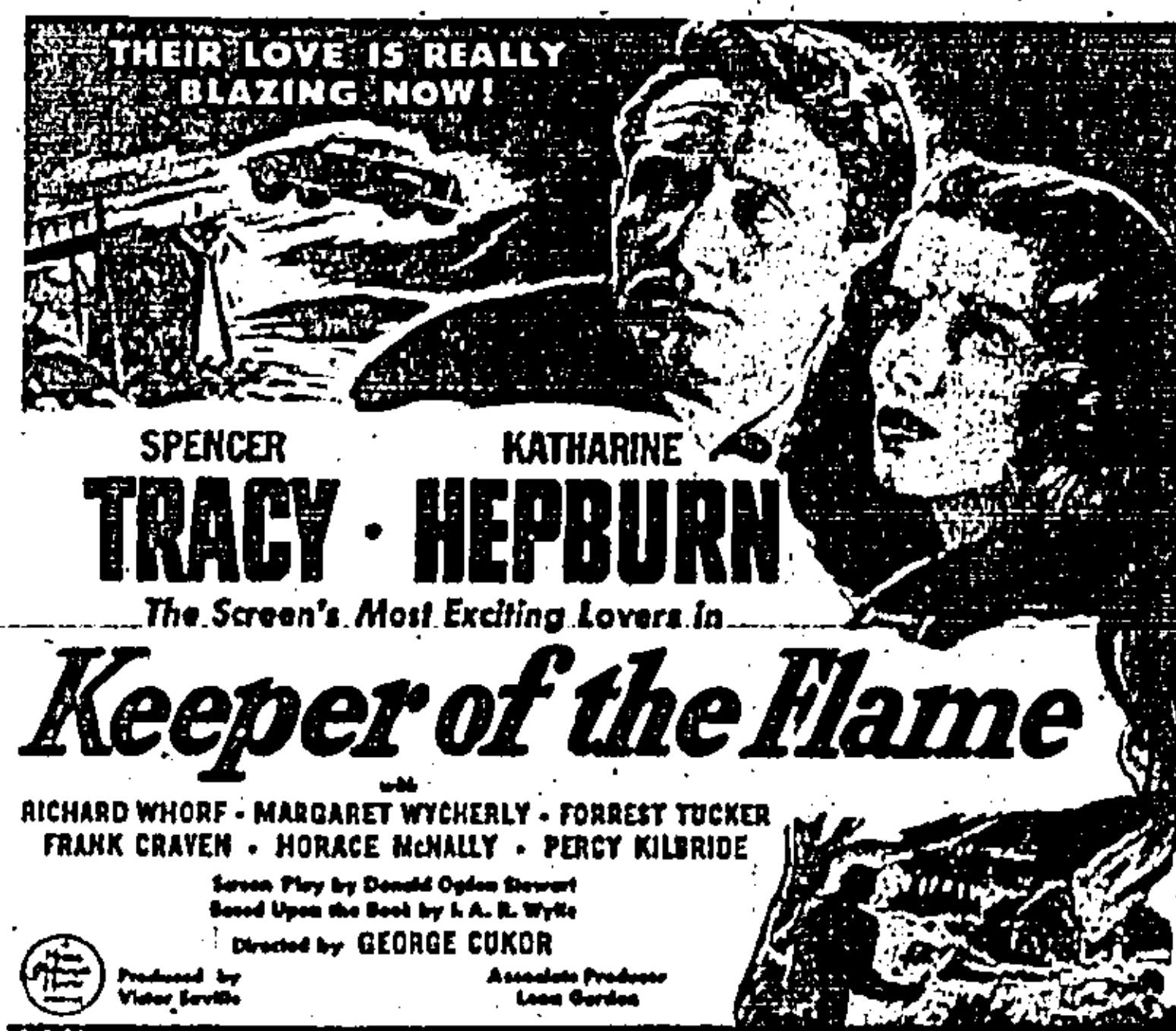


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